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Applicant(s): Eric Martinez et al.

Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING FIBER OPTIC CABLES THROUGH GAS SERVICE PIPES

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THROUGH GAS SERVICE PIPES**

REPLY UNDER CFR 37 § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated October 15, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.